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The Chief of Bagian V, Minister of Defense Colonel Soesatio, stated in a recent interview that the Dutch dare not push through to Jogjakarta as they had previously planned because of the way in which America had clarified her position with respect to the Indonesian Republic (meaning the Dubois-Critchley proposal). Soesatio said that he believed that the Republic could cope with any attack of the Dutch except in East Java and possibly Madiaen where the economic blockade of the Republic by the occupying of important estates would be carried out. Soesatio also said that the Dutch might as well get it out of their heads that they could occupy all of Java and Sumatra with their small army and that they might as well understand that they would pay a heavy toll as the result of guerrilla activities in the interior.

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